## MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

#### ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2021 Date of Report: 1/27/2022

Project/District Name: Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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NPDES permit no.

Seasonal:

If you have a mission statement, please include it here: Our mission is to provide our district with an ecologically-conscious integrated mosquito management program with the goal of preventing the transmission of mosquito-borne diseases.

# **ORGANIZATION SETUP: Commissioner names:** Jeanne Galloway Merridith O'Leary **Gregory Lewis** Carolyn Ness **Superintendent/Director name:** Chris Craig (Program Coordinator) Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 774-267-9268 Asst. Superintendent/Director name: NA District/Project website: http://www.mass.gov/info-details/pioneer-valley-mosquito-controldistrict-pvmcd Twitter handle: @ Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/ Staffing levels for the year of this report: Full time: Part time:

Other: Contracted Employee - Program Coordinator (please describe) The district is coordinated by Chris Craig. The coordinator works full time during the mosquito season managing the

role.	program.	In the	offseason,	the	coordinator	works	part	time in	an a	administra	tive

Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
<ul> <li>Administrative</li> <li>Biologist</li> <li>Educator</li> <li>Entomologist</li> <li>Facilities</li> <li>Information technology</li> <li>Laboratory</li> <li>Operations</li> <li>Public relations</li> <li>Wetland scientist</li> <li>✓ Other (please describe) Program Coordinator acts as administrator and field techinician.</li> </ul>
For the year of this report, the following were maintained (enter number in the column to the left):
Modified wetland equipment (list type)  Larval control equipment (list type)  ULV sprayers (list type)  1 Vehicles  Other (please be specific):
<b>Comments:</b> District has one full sized pickup truck for summer operations. Regular maintenance in 2021.
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 20 Alphabetical list: Bernardston, Buckland, Chicopee, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Gill, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Heath, Holyoke, Northampton, Palmer, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, South Hadley, Southampton, Sunderland, and West Springfield
Were there any changes to your service area this year? Yes Cities/towns added: Buckland, Gill, Shelburne, Sunderland. Cities/towns removed: NA
*Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM):  Check off all services that your district/project currently provides to member cities and towns as part of an IPM program (details will be provided in the sections below):  Adult mosquite control
<ul> <li>✓ Adult mosquito surveillance</li> <li>☐ Ditch maintenance</li> <li>✓ Education, Outreach &amp; Public education</li> <li>☐ Larval mosquito control</li> </ul>

Larval mosquito surveillance Open Marsh Water Management Research Source reduction (tire removals) Other (please list):
Comments: The district was still limited to surveillance and education in 2021. The district is
aiming to introduce more services in 2023 with the acquisition of a facility.
LARVAL MACCOLUTO CONTROL.
LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL:
If you have a larval mosquito control program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.
Describe the purpose of this program:
What months is this program active?
Describe the types of areas where you use this program:
Do you use:
Ground application (hand, portable and/or backpack, etc.)
Aerial applications
Other (please list):
Comments:

List all products that you use for larval mosquito control in the table below (leave blank if not applicable):

Product Name	EPA#	Application	Application	Targeted life	Habitat Type	Total finished
		Rate(s)	Method	stage		product applied
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
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Please attach a	map of your serv	rice area (or a w	vebsite link to that	map).	
ADULT MOSQU  If you have a larval		ogram, please fill o	out the section below, e	else skip ahead to the next sect	ion.
Describe the pu	rpose of this prog	gram:			
What is the time	e frame for this p	rogram?			
Describe the typ	es of areas wher	e you use this p	rogram:		
Do you use:  Aerial applic Portable applic Truck applic Other (please Comments: For each produce	olications ations se list): 	t the name, EPA	λ#, and application	rate(s):	
Product Name	EPA #	Application	Application	Total finished	
		Rate(s)	Method	product applied	
season and area	is gger for adulticidi		uency used in a p	articular time frame suc	h as
Arbovirus da Best profess Complaint ca Landing rate	ional judgment	ger for applicat			

Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).

SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals)  If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire the next section.	removal, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to
Please describe your program:	
What time frame during the year is this meth	nod employed?
Comments:	
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENAN	CE
	te program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead
Please check all that apply:	
Inland/freshwater	
Saltmarsh	
Please describe your program:	
For inland/freshwater water management,	
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches, swales, etc. maintained (ft)
Culvert cleaning	
Hand cleaning	-
Mechanized cleaning	
Stream flow improvement	<u> </u>
Other (please list):	
For saltmarsh ditch maintenance, check off	all that apply:
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of ditches maintained (ft)
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Other (please list):	
Comments: What time frame during the year is this meth	nod employed?
Comments:	

Please attach a map of ditch maintenance areas (or a website link to that map).

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### **ADULT MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE**

If you have an adult mosquito surveillance program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: The purpose of the surveillance program is to monitor for the presence of EEE and West Nile Virus in our member communities. Early detection allows for communities to make informed decisions on how to manage mosquitoes in their community as well as communicate risk to residents.

What months is this program active? June to October

Check off all trap types used this past season by your program:

Тгар Туре	Canopy?	Number of traps
	(check box for yes)	(leave blank if zero)
ABC light trap		
ABC light trap w/CO <sub>2</sub>		
CDC light trap		
◯ CDC light trap w/CO <sub>2</sub>		1 per week per community Total: 320
Gravid trap		1 per week per community Total: 320
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		
NJ light trap w/CO₂		
Ovitrap		
Resting box		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Do you maintain long-term trap sites If yes, how many: Approximately 40 long term sites - el locations.		wo long term recurring trap
Please check off the species of conce	rn in your service area:	
🔀 Ae. albopictus	Oc. abser	ratus
Ae. cinereus	🔀 Oc. canad	lensis
igstyle igstyle Ae. vexans	🗌 Oc. canta	tor
An. punctipennis	Oc. j. japo	
An. quadrimaculatus	Oc. sollici	tans
🔀 Cq. perturbans	Oc. taenio	orhynchus
X Cx. pipiens	Uc. triseri	
Cx. restuans	Oc. trivitte	atus
Cx. salinarius	Ps. ferox	
Cs. melanura	Ur. sapph	irina
Cs. morsitans		
Others (please list):		

Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season (whether submitted to DPH or not): 8,034 submitted, approximately 10,000 total

Number of adult mosquito pools collected this season (submitted and unsubmitted): 369 Number of ovitrap collections this season, if any:

Any other trap collections of note (please describe):

Do you participate in the MDPH Arboviral Surveillance program? Yes Total number of adult mosquito pools submitted to DPH this past season: 369 How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 23

Number of traps in your service area **placed by MDPH**: MDPH trapped in all nonmember towns in 2021 - 2 traps per week

Were these long-term trap sites or supplemental trapping sites? both

Which arboviruses were found in your area during the previous mosquito season? Enter the number of pools/cases below:

Arbovirus	Positive Mosquito Pools	<b>Equine Cases</b>	<b>Human Cases</b>
Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)			
West Nile Virus (WNV)	16 pools	0	0
Other (please list):			

**Comments:** 16 positive pools were collected in 2021 in the Pioneer Valley - Some positive pools were collected by MDPH for surveillance in nonmember communities. There were no confirmed human or animal cases of WNV in the Pioneer Valley in 2021. No EEE was detected in 2021.

For each arbovirus listed below, please list the risk levels in your project area at both the start and end of the season (if more than one, please list all):

Arbovirus	Start of Season	End of Season
EEE	Remote, Low, and Moderate	Remote
WNV	Low	Low and Moderate

**Comments:** Moderate risk for WNV transmission existed in the Springfield metropolitan area based on WNV cases and positive pools. The rest of service area remained low risk. EEE risk carried over in Franklin County from 2020 but the risk was reduced to remote by the end of the season due to no EEE detection.

#### **EDUCATION, OUTREACH & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

If you have an education/outreach program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: The district regularly provides educational talks and literature to district members as well as prospective members upon request. The purpose of the program is to keep Boards of Health informed to properly convey information on mosquito

borne disease. The district provides pamphlets and presentations for BOHs and interested members of the public upon request.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? Year round

Check off all education/outreach methods that were performed by your program this year:  Development/distribution of brochures, handouts, etc.  Door-to-door canvassing (door hangers, speaking to property owners, etc.)  Facebook page, Twitter, or other social media  Mailings (Describe target audience(s): )  Media outreach (interviews for print or online media sources, press releases, etc.)  Presentations at meetings  School-based programs, science fairs, etc.  Tabling at events (local events, annual meetings, etc.)  Website  Other (please describe):
Estimate the audience reached this year using the education/outreach methods above: 10-15
Boards of Health
Comments: The PVMCD engages with BOHs on a regularly basis to discuss district surveillance
as well as advice on potential mosquito control solutions in the case of outbreaks. Particularly,
the new aerial spray exclusion process engages the district with members for advice on the op out process. The district always advises in favor of the most robust IMM strategy.
List your program's top 2 education (outroach activities for this year)
List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this year:
1. Presentations via Zoom to BOHs and members of the public
2. Q & A Sessions for BOHs and Interested members of the public
3. <u>Literature development on mosquito control methods and pesticide risks</u>
Were you involved in any collaborations with the following partners this year? Provide details below, including a list of technical reports, white/grey papers, journal publications, trade
magazine articles, etc:
Academia
Another mosquito control district/project
Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.)
Environmental groups
Industry

List any training/education your staff received this year: NA

Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff: Commerical Pesticide Applicator License is held by the Program Coordinator.

**Comments:** The district looks forward to expanding into more outreach related events as capacity grows. District has been mainly limited to online meetings due to the ongoing pandemic.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)				
Does your program use (check all that apply):				
Aerial Photography				
☐ Databases				
Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.)				
GIS mapping (Describe: )				
GPS equipment				
Smartphones				
Tablets/Toughbooks				
Other (please describe):				
Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year:				
Describe any difficulties your program had with IT software/equipment this year:				
Comments:				

#### **REVENUES & EXPENDITURES**

Please enter your approved budgets for the current, previous, and future fiscal years.

	Date of Fiscal Year	Approved Budget	Notes
Previous	FY21	\$55,000	
Current	FY22	\$97,000	
Future	FY23	\$97,000	

List each member municipality, along with the corresponding (cherry sheet) funding assessment dollar amount, for the current fiscal year (or provide a web link to this information):

- Bernardston \$3,000
- Buckland \$5,000
- Chicopee \$5,000
- Deerfield \$5,000
- East Longmeadow \$5,000
- Gill \$3,000
- Granby \$5,000
- Greenfield \$5,000
- Hadley \$5,000
- Heath \$1,000
- Holyoke \$5,000
- Northampton \$5,000
- Palmer \$5,000

- Rowe \$5,000
- Shelburne \$5,000
- Shutesbury \$5,000
- South Hadley \$5,000
- Southampton \$5,000
- Sunderland \$3,000
- West Springfield \$5,000

Comments: <u>Amounts assessed are voluntary contributions. Membership fees cover the cost of surveillance.</u> Towns contributing \$3000 per fiscal year receive one weekly trap rather than <u>two.</u>

### **SERVICE REQUESTS**

How many service requests did you receive this season? How many were for larviciding? How many were for adulticiding?

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Choose one

#### **Comments:**

### **EXCLUSIONS**

How many exclusion requests did you receive this season?

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Choose one

Do you have large areas of pesticide exclusion, such as estimated or priority habitats? Choose one

If yes, please explain, and attach maps or a web link if possible.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

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•	Inspectional services (inspections at sewage treatment facilities, review of subdivision plans, etc.)
	Describe:
•	Work with DPW departments or other local or state officials to address stormwater systems, clogged culverts, or other areas identified as man-made mosquito problem areas
	Describe:

<ul> <li>Work with groups as described above on long term solutions?</li> <li>Describe:</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Conduct or participate in any cooperative research or restoration projects?</li> <li>Describe:</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Participate in any state/regional/national workgroups or panels, or attend any meeting pertaining to the above?</li> </ul>
Describe: Program coordinator continued regular attendance at Massachusetts Mosquito Task Force Meetings.
<ul> <li>Work on any biological control projects, such as enhancement of habitat for native predators, release of predatory fish or invertebrates, etc.?</li> </ul>
Describe:
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFPA)
Is your program impacted by the CFPA? No
If yes, please explain:
If you have data on compliance rates with the CFPA within your program area, please list here
Describe any difficulties you have had with the implementation of your program due to the CFPA, please elaborate here:
Comments:
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT PROGRAM
Did your program report any adverse incidents during this reporting period? No
If yes, please list any corrective actions here:
GENERAL COMMENTS

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Please add any comments here for topics not covered elsewhere in this report: The district continued to grow in membership in 2021 as demand for mosquito control in the Pioneer Valley increases. The district is aiming for the acquistion of a facility with a recently acquired earmark through the American Rescue Plan. The facility is ideally projected to open in winter 2023.